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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6895**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 344

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 29, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Provisional Ballots.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Bowser

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that a voter who is challenged may vote if the voter executes an affidavit affirming certain information under the penalties for perjury. The bill eliminates provisional ballots.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* With the elimination of provisional ballots, counties would have a minimal reduction in printing costs for primary and general elections.

*Background Information:* In the 2004 general election, 5,707 provisional ballots were cast in 89 Indiana counties. Data for three counties is currently unavailable. The average number of provisional ballots cast per reporting county was 64.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:** Secretary of State website: <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/>.

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